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Training Summary 2007

The SCIECA works diligently to meet the Association goal of "serving as a regional resource for information on the causes and effective prevention of erosion" by providing quality education events for professionals in the erosion and sedimentation control.

To start the year, the SCIECA developed and delivered of the first Muddy Water Blues event west of the Mississippi River. The Muddy Water Blues was originally an IECA event originating on the east coast. The Muddy Water Blues-Texas was held at the Historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on May 21-23, 2007. The event offered two days of education tracks comprised of SWPPP Design; Low Impact Development Workshop; Use of Compost/Seed Mix for Re-Vegetation; Third Party Inspections (Benefits and Issues); Concrete Storm Water Quality Vaults; Construction Site Stabilization Methods; and Regulatory Inspection Perspectives.

Day three provided a Field Day at Brooks City Base where vendor donated erosion and sedimentation control products were installed in a real, working environment. To finalize the three day event, Geo-Solutions, Inc. sponsored a grilled fajita taco lunch under the big tent where attendees networked with vendors and each other.

Throughout the year, SCIECA members have organized free brown bag 'lunch and learns' - Andy Johnston and the Austin-Capital Area Erosion Network, and Tom Schneider in the Dallas region.

The SCIECA ended the year with the annual Fall Conference and Expo held in Mesquite, Texas on October 22 & 23, 2007. Two tracks offered multiple presentations on Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans (Designing for the 90th Percentile Storm); MS4 Workshop (Jumpstarting the New Phase II MS4); New Regulations

and Techniques (Construction Storm Water Compliance) and Sustainable Site Design (Using Low Impact Development (LID) Techniques in Green Site). The CPESC Course and Exam was offered. New this year was the CPESC Inc. CESSWI Inspector Training Course and Exam.

In 2005 and 2006, SCIECA received IECA Awards in Education and Outreach for its regional membership. SCIECA continues to strive to meet the education and training needs of its members and regional erosion and sedimentation control professionals. We close our education and training for 2007 with the intent of bringing home a third (back-to-back) IECA Award for outstanding Education and Outreach.

The SCIECA and the Board of Directors look forward to planning 2008 educational opportunities.

Message from the SCIECA Chapter President Philip Handley

Greetings to the members of the SCIECA and erosion and sedimentation control professionals in the Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas region. As you have had the opportunity to look over the 2007 Training summary in this Newsletter, you will recognize that SCIECA has truly worked hard to provide a number of education opportunities in our region throughout the year. The planning, preparation, implementation and delivery of these events takes a lot of time, effort, coordination and plain ole' hard work by the SCIECA Board of Directors and a number of participating Chapter Members. In the end, the effort was worth it as mem-

bers and professionals in our region obtain education and further their knowledge on new technologies, changing regulations and changes in our growing industry.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the hard, dedicated work of the SCIECA Board of Directors and participating Chapter Members who go "above and beyond" to develop these education events. The Board Members all have commitments to their respective employers, companies and organizations but yet find the time and energy to devote their time and effort (free of charge) for the cause of educating peers and fellow professionals.

I would also like to commend the hard work of the Chapter Members who volunteer to develop and work the SCIECA events, prepare presentations, roll up their sleeves and work to serve (free of charge) to further the education of peers and fellow professionals.

Lastly, thanks to you, the members and professionals in the region for attending and supporting SCIECA educational events. You are the reason the SCIECA exists and you are the folks that we, the SCIECA Board of Directors are here to serve. To serve is truly an honor.